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1. SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN BARROSO AND HIS DEPUTY PASTOR MET WITH EMBOFF DECEMBER 10 TO REVIEW STATUS OF ACTIONS CALLED FOR AT OCTOBER 22 MEETING OF THE U.S. AND SPANISH DELEGATIONS AND DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING BE HELD JANUARY 21 IN MADRID. BARROSO SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE HE FELT THAT THE SPANISH SIDE WOULD NOT BE READY BY THEN TO PRESENT FIRM POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS.

2. THE REASONS GIVEN WERE THAT THEY WISH TO PUBLISH CALLS FOR SPANISH PROPOSALS ASAP, ALLOW AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE THE DEADLINE, AND HAVE THE ACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS REVIEWED, SELECTED AND PACKAGED FOR THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. THE SPANISH SIDE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO PRESENT A COMPLETE SET OF PROGRAMS AT THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING, WHICH COULD BE HELD IN FEBRUARY BUT MORE LIKELY IN MARCH. HE ADDED THAT THE SPANISH SIDE IS STILL FAR FROM REACHING A POSITION ON FUND ALLOCATION, WHETHER BY MINISTRY, PRIORITY SUBJECT AREAS OR KIND OF SUPPORT.  
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3. COMMENT: THE SPANISH SIDE CONTINUES TO SEE NO NEED FOR DIRECT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATION OF SPANISH PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAM OR ANY OF ITS PARTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS. SO FAR, TEAMS FROM ERDA FOR SOLAR ENERGY, USDA FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH,

INTERIOR AND FOREST SERVICE FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT HAVE COME TO SPAIN TO WORK WITH THEIR SPANISH COUNTERPARTS ON JOINT PROPOSALS. WOODS HOLE AND SKIDAWAY OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPERTS WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE TO WORK ON PROPOSALS IN OCEANOGRAPHY. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO REQUESTS FROM THE SPANISH SIDE FOR U.S. EXPERTS IN OTHER FIELDS MENTIONED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT OR IN THE OCTOBER 22 MEETING, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME AFTER THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS PUBLISHED. VARIOUS EMBASSY SOURCES REPORT THAT THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ARE STILL FAR FROM BEING HARMONIOUS.

CLEARLY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPES FOR AN EVENTUAL CONSENSUS, NOT WISHING TO RESUME THE "DICTATORIAL" ROLE WHICH IT SOMETIMES HAD TO PLAY IN MANAGING THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT S AND T PROGRAM.

4. GIVEN STRONG SPANISH VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A FORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JAN 21 WOULD NOT ACCOMPLISH PURPOSES SET FORTH IN STATE 295074. DR. GANLEY MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER VISITING MADRID ON THAT DATE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH THE SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN TO DISCUSS FRANKLY THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE S AND T PROGRAM. BARROSO INFORMED EMBOFFS TODAY THAT HE WOULD WELCOME DR. GANLEY'S VISIT ON THESE TERMS. STABLER

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